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Part 1 General Provisions

63N-9-101 Title.

This chapter is known as the "Utah Office of Outdoor Recreation."

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63N-9-102 Definitions.

As used in this chapter:

- (1) "Accessible to the general public," in relation to the awarding of an infrastructure grant, means:
 - (a) the public may use the infrastructure in accordance with federal and state regulations; and
 - (b) no community or group retains exclusive rights to access the infrastructure.
- (2) "Director" means the director of the outdoor recreation office.
- (3) "Executive director" means the executive director of GOED.
- (4) "Infrastructure grant" means an outdoor recreational infrastructure grant described in Section 63N-9-202.
- (5) "Outdoor recreation office" means the Utah Office of Outdoor Recreation created in Section 63N-9-104.
- (6)
 - (a) "Recreational infrastructure project" means an undertaking to build or improve the approved facilities, services, and installations needed for the public to access and enjoy the state's outdoors.
 - (b) "Recreational infrastructure project" may include the:
 - (i) establishment, construction, or renovation of a trail, trail infrastructure, or trail facilities;
 - (ii) construction of a project for water-related outdoor recreational activities;
 - (iii) development of a project for wildlife watching opportunities, including bird watching;
 - (iv) development of a project that provides winter recreation amenities;
 - (v) construction or improvement of a community park that has amenities for outdoor recreation;
 - (vi) construction or improvement of a naturalistic and accessible playground; and
 - (vii) development, establishment, or expansion of a program for youth related to outdoor recreation.
- (7) "Underserved or underprivileged community" means a group of people, including a municipality, county, or American Indian tribe that:
 - (a) has limited access or has demonstrated a low level of use of recreational infrastructure; and
 - (b) is economically disadvantaged.

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63N-9-103 Policy.

It is the declared policy of the state that outdoor recreation is vital to a diverse economy and a healthy community.

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63N-9-104 Creation of outdoor recreation office and appointment of director -- Responsibilities of outdoor recreation office.

- (1) There is created within the Governor's Office of Economic Development the Utah Office of Outdoor Recreation.
- (2)
 - (a) The executive director shall appoint a director of the outdoor recreation office.
 - (b) The director shall report to the executive director and may appoint staff.
- (3) The outdoor recreation office shall:
 - (a) coordinate outdoor recreation policy, management, and promotion:
 - (i) among state and federal agencies and local government entities in the state; and
 - (ii) with the Public Lands Policy Coordinating Office created in Section 63J-4-602, if public land is involved;
 - (b) promote economic development in the state by:
 - (i) coordinating with outdoor recreation stakeholders;
 - (ii) improving recreational opportunities; and
 - (iii) recruiting outdoor recreation business;
 - (c) recommend to the governor and Legislature policies and initiatives to enhance recreational amenities and experiences in the state and help implement those policies and initiatives;
 - (d) develop data regarding the impacts of outdoor recreation in the state; and
 - (e) promote the health and social benefits of outdoor recreation, especially to young people.
- (4) By following the procedures and requirements of Title 63J, Chapter 5, Federal Funds Procedures Act, the outdoor recreation office may:
 - (a) seek federal grants or loans;
 - (b) seek to participate in federal programs; and
 - (c) in accordance with applicable federal program guidelines, administer federally funded outdoor recreation programs.
- (5) For purposes of administering this part, the outdoor recreation office may make rules in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act.

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63N-9-105 Duties of director.

The director shall:

- (1) ensure that the responsibilities of the outdoor recreation office outlined in this chapter are fulfilled; and
- (2) organize and provide administrative oversight to the outdoor recreation office staff.

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63N-9-106 Annual report.

The executive director shall include in the annual written report described in Section 63N-1-301 a report from the director on the activities of the outdoor recreation office, including a description and the amount of any awarded infrastructure grants.

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